

In 1865 John Calnan being married to Elizabeth Morden, daughter of Richard Morden and Lenor Noxon bought out James Calnan for one thousand dollars. James Calnan in 1866 married Susan Morden, a sister of Elizabeth. They settled west of the Morden farm on Christian Street. In the years between 1860 and 1865, the road between Burr's Corner and Crofton had changed and now ran about thirty rods north of the log house. Therefore John and James built a new frame house north of the new road. It was 18 feet by 24 feet containing a kitchen, pantry and bedroom with two rooms upstairs. There was also a stone cellar at north of the house, attached to pantry and level with ground surface. Across the road a frame barn was also built.

In 1866 John gave a contract to Mr. George Rorabeck for building a horse barn and carriage shed 24 feet 6 inches by 30 foot 6 inches, the contract price for material and work being \$50.00. The building is still standing in good state of repair is a double garage with hay storage above and double horse stable at the south now used for storage. In 1946 this building was struck by a lone flash of lightning at noon on a June Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. David Fox of Jericho were driving by saw the fire organized a bucket brigade of neighbours, as no one was at home, and extinguished the fire before extensive damage was done. In 1959 an aluminum door was put on the front. Its price being more than once and a half of the price of original building.

A well ten feet deep and 6 feet across was blasted from the solid rock in lawn of present house. In 1924, a cement top was put on this well and it is still in use. The old spring was used for watering cattle in winter until 1948, another supply north of the road about 250 feet, near the west line fence was water-witched during the 1870's. One stroke of the hammer on the drill cut through the three quarter inch of shale and gave a bubbling spring.

In the last few years beaver have taken over this water supply and making a semi-circular dam a quarter of a mile long have a number of houses and are living happily there. At one time this water supply was pumped to a neighbouring farm where it supplied the needs of over one hundred hogs during a dry summer.

In 1871 John Calnan decided that they needed more house room having now six children. So at the expense of nine hundred dollars, had two wings built on his 18'x24' house. These wings were respectively 18 feet by 22 feet and 22 feet by 22 feet, one story high with high peaked roof, one being on the west side containing a 12 foot by 12 foot kitchen, a seven by ten foot bedroom and a four by ten foot buttry beside a woodshed with platform, well and catwalk. On the east there was an eighteen by twelve foot parlour and two ten foot clothes bedrooms with a ten by four foot clothes press. This makes an all over house of sixty feet long with a protected veranda. It was bricked on the outside, two bricks thick. Bricks were bought in Wellington and drawn home by team and wagon. Mr. George Rorabeck was the contractor.

On April 12, 1873, John Calnan purchased from Henry Butters the east half of lot 62, concession 2, Broken Front in Sophiasburgh township, containing one hundred acres of land with small house and barn for the sum of two hundred dollars. This farm was handy as there was just the two hundred acres belonging to David Moran between these lots.